MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : ഇറിഗേഷൻ വകുപ്പുകൂടി പി. ഡബ്ലിയു. ഡി.യിലേക്ക് യോജിപ്പിച്ചതിനു ശേഷം പണത്തേതിൽ പത്തുശതമാനം പോലും ജോലികൾ നടക്കുന്നില്ല എന്ന വിവരം മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : ഒട്ടുമക്കാൽ ജോലികളും ഇപ്പോൾ നടക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : മുഴുവൻ സമയവും ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്ന ഒരു ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥനെ നിയമിച്ചിരുന്നാൽ അതു് രാജ്യത്തിനു കൂടുതൽ പ്രയോജനകരമാകുമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : നല്ല നിശ്ചയമില്ല.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDHANAN NAIR : May I know from the honourable member whether it is not his opinion that in view of the "grow more food" campaign more irrigation works are necessary?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDHANAN NAIR : May I know whether it is not better that Government should start a new irrigation division?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The Road Branch Division officers have comparatively less work now and therefore a new division is not essential at this time.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Is it not because they do not do their work properly?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No, it is because they have not got the same volume of work.

Remission of Land Revenue in Parur taluk.

131. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount granted as remission of land revenue in 1116 in Parur taluk?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: Rs. 6,802-27-4.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know the reason for granting so much remission in one taluk?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: It is due to the damages caused by a cyclone that passed through that locality.

Kozhipalam Bridge.

132. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is provision in the current year's budget for the construction of the Kozhipalam Bridge on the Chengannur-Aranmula Road; and

(*b*) the amount spent for the same and the nature of the work done during the current year?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

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(*b*) Rs. 7,900. The work done during the year consists of 9 piles driven down to position for 3 piers, moulding of pile caps for the middle and right pier and building of the right pier to a height of 3½ feet.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the amount spent during 1116 on this Bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I have not got the figures. At least Rs. 2,000 have been spent.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the amount of Rs. 7,900 shown here is the amount spent during the current year.

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know in what stage the work is now?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: About nine piles have been driven into position and the remaining work could not be proceeded with this year on account of the flood.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Are they in proper position.

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes, certainly.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the total estimates for the construction of this bridge.

MR. I. C. CHACKO: About Rs. 20,000.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reason why this brigde has not been considered for the last 2 years even though there were budget provisions?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Last year the contractor selected for the work failed and this year we did not get the plant for pile driving in time as engaged elsewhere. Fresh arrangements have been made this year and the work was in very good progress until a few weeks ago. I hope to complete it in three or four month's time after the floods.

War Allowance.

133. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the High Court have received representations from the low paid Government Servants such as peons, etc., praying for the increase in their salary or for allowance on account of the extraordinary situation brought about by the present great war;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken on the same; and

(*c*) whether such steps have been taken by the Cochin Government?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(*c*) Government are not aware.

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